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A.A.A. Amendments

Following the passage of the amendments to the Agricultural Adjustment Act by the House on June 18th (H. R. 8492) they were under consideration by the Senate Agricultural Committee until the afternoon of June 29th. The Committee, having made a number of changes, then voted to report the bill favorably, and on July 3rd it was reported to the Senate by Chairman Smith of the Senate Agricultural Committee.

As reported by the Senate Committee the section, giving the Secretary authority to impose control plans, reads as follows:

"(2) Orders issued pursuant to this section shall be applicable only to the following agricultural commodities and the products thereof (except products of naval stores), or to any regional, or market classification of any such commodity or product: Milk, wool and mohair, fruits (including pecans and walnuts but not including apples), tobacco, vegetables (not including vegetables for canning), soy beans, hops, package bees and queen bees, poultry, and naval stores as included in the Naval Stores Act and standards established thereunder (including refined or partially refined oleoresin)."

Canners will note that the language of this section in the Senate bill differs from the corresponding section of the bill as passed by the House, quoted in this Letter on June 22nd, by the omission of "and not including fruits for canning," thus leaving fruits for canning (except apples) subject to the imposed control section of the bill.

Early consideration of the amendments in the Senate is anticipated.

Tentative U. S. Standards for Canned Carrots and Canned Mushrooms

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics under dates of June 1st and June 26th respectively has announced tentative standards for grades of canned carrots and canned mushrooms which are modifications of standards which have been proposed for these products previously.

Fertilizer Placement Experiments with Peas

The New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva is conducting extensive experiments on fertilizer placement on peas and recently visitors were invited to observe the striking differences in the

growth of peas under the different treatments. The experiments also included snap beans, tomatoes, cabbage, sweet corn and beets.

The Station calls attention to the damaging effect of fertilizers applied in the drill with the peas in comparison with the increased growth of peas from the same amount of fertilizer correctly applied. A new implement is being demonstrated, by which pea seed and fertilizer may be drilled in one operation without injury to the stand of peas through contact of the seed with the fertilizer. The effect of different kinds of fertilizers on the germination of peas and on root growth was observed. There were 15 different kinds and amounts of fertilizers included in the experiments and the comparative effect of each studied. The residual effect of fertilizers applied the year before to the crop preceding peas in the rotation, resulting in unevenness of maturity, was evident. Growers and canners will find much of interest in the results of these experiments.

Car Loadings

Freight car loadings in the third quarter of 1935 are expected to be about 2.9 per cent above actual loadings in the same quarter in 1934, according to estimates just compiled by the thirteen Shippers' Regional Boards and made public by the Association of American Railroads.

On the basis of these estimates, freight car loadings of the 29 principal commodities will be 4,953,546 cars in the third quarter of 1935, compared with 4,812,279 actual loadings for the same commodities in the corresponding period last year.

Nine of the thirteen Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards estimate an increase in the loadings for the second quarter of 1935 compared with the same period in 1934, while four estimate a decrease.

Of the twenty-nine commodities included in the estimate, increases are expected in twenty-five while decreases are expected in flour, meal and other mill products; hay, straw and alfalfa; cotton and live stock. The commodities in which reductions under the same period last year are anticipated represent only 10.2 per cent of the total estimated loadings for the twenty-nine commodities.

Carloadings of fresh fruits are estimated to increase 21 per cent; fresh vegetables 6.8 per cent; all canned food products 3.4 per cent.

Farmers' Income

Cash income from the sale of farm products in May is estimated by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics at \$484,000,000 compared with \$457,000,000 in April and \$422,000,000 in May, 1934. The increase in farm income from April to May was less than usual and after

allowance for difference in the length of the month and other seasonal factors, income from marketings in May was 61.5 per cent of the 1924-1929 monthly average compared with 64.5 in April and 58.0 in May, 1934.

Rental and benefit payments in May amounted to \$36,000,000, compared with \$49,000,000 in April and \$16,000,000 in May, 1934. Total farm income including rental and benefit payments in May was \$520,000,000, compared with \$506,000,000 in April and \$438,000,000 in May last year.

The decline in farm prices during May has apparently been continued in June and income may make somewhat more than the usual seasonal decline from May to June, but it is expected to exceed the \$410,000,000 received last year. Rental and benefit payments during June will be larger than the \$29,000,000 received in June, 1934.

Crop Conditions

NEW YORK AND WISCONSIN: Aphis infection continues very serious. Prospects for considerable damage to late peas.

MINNESOTA: Alaska pack has been in progress for four or five days, with yields about average. Quality so far has been good but recent hot weather and hardening of peas may necessitate skipping acreage or sacrificing quality. Some aphis are present, but damage has been slight.

UTAH: The Alaska and Surprise packs are finished in Utah, with Alaskas yielding around 100 cases per acre and Surprise near 125, with very fine quality. The pack of Sweets has already begun with prospects for around 140 cases per acre of excellent quality.

WASHINGTON: Cannerymen began packing sweet peas in Eastern Washington this week. The crop is reported to be yielding at least 10% above early estimates. The quality is excellent. Weather conditions are ideal for harvesting.

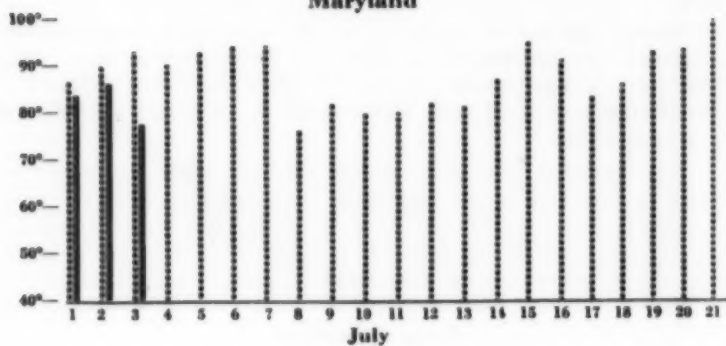
District	Week ended June 25, 1935		Week ended July 2, 1935		Week ended July 3, 1934	
	Temp.	Rain	Temp.	Rain	Temp.	Rain
Maine	61	1.1	70	.3	60	.2
Western New York	62	1.1	69	.2	74	.3
Tri-States	72	.9	79	.7	84	2.1
South Central Ohio	66	1.3	78	.2	83	1.2
Central Indiana	64	.9	78	.7	85	.2
Central Illinois	63	1.0	74	2.8	84	.2
North'n Illinois, South'n Wisconsin	59	2.5	70	.8	80	.1
Southern Minnesota	62	.5	74	.8	79	.0
Northern Colorado	70	.0	71	.0	76	.0
Northern Utah	72	.0	72	.0	73	.0
Northwestern Washington	60	.1	62	.7	64	.0
Southeastern Washington	66	.0	67	.2	70	.0

Temperatures in Pea Canning Districts

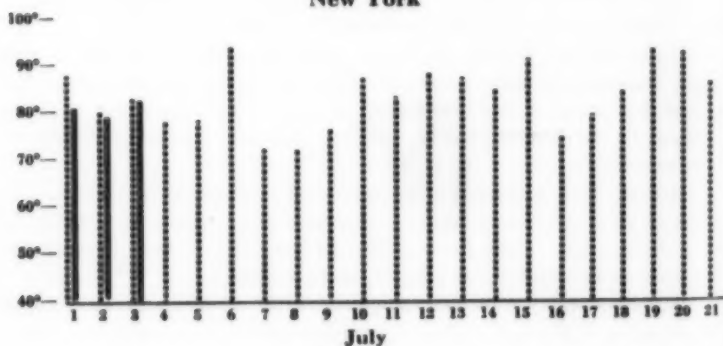
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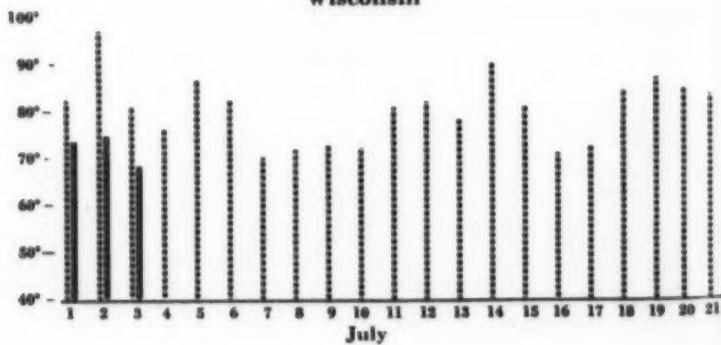
Maryland



New York



Wisconsin



Canned Food Exports in May

Increases were reported in a number of canned food exports for the month of May, 1935, when compared with the corresponding period last year. Decreases were reported in only the following items: pork, asparagus, peas, condensed milk, berries other than loganberries, fruits for salad, peaches, prunes, and salmon which decreased nearly fifty per cent. Below are the monthly statistics as compiled by the Department of Commerce.

Articles	May 1934		May 1935	
	Pounds	Value	Pounds	Value
Canned meats, total	1,211,303	\$415,127	1,051,582	\$372,046
Beef	172,064	56,454	191,811	69,574
Pork	934,173	331,900	732,240	272,362
Sausage	73,471	19,338	79,700	21,370
Other	31,595	7,435	47,831	8,740
Canned vegetables, total	5,246,662	570,070	4,510,780	446,632
Asparagus	4,363,884	502,069	3,176,088	351,442
Baked beans, and pork and beans	174,308	12,425	469,507	26,302
Corn	149,977	10,501	217,760	16,615
Peas	177,583	12,357	148,243	10,072
Soups	101,906	11,662	147,812	16,224
Tomatoes	61,014	4,428	66,900	4,507
Other	217,990	16,628	284,464	21,470
Condensed milk	544,251	68,085	89,105	11,063
Evaporated milk	1,614,945	98,887	3,441,314	230,738
Canned fruits, total	9,089,759	661,565	13,125,718	970,293
Apples and applesauce	334,060	12,002	1,259,145	54,250
Apricots	17,697	1,926	455,106	34,427
Berries, other	435,138	27,645	24,369	2,267
Cherries	40,328	4,199	51,071	5,965
Fruits for salad	2,146,077	207,940	1,962,664	213,102
Grapefruit	1,209,183	67,155	2,470,482	145,680
Loganberries	23,124	2,245	252,510	14,339
Peaches	1,918,797	122,189	1,897,350	136,865
Pears	1,466,720	93,017	2,800,862	198,247
Pineapple	1,266,881	102,642	1,620,191	132,916
Prunes	101,455	10,082	33,958	3,378
Other	130,099	10,523	298,004	28,767
Canned fish, total	6,948,007	806,985	5,778,425	606,014
Mackerel	4,086	237	75,408	3,850
Salmon	5,276,213	697,698	2,514,001	344,594
Sardines	1,479,891	79,974	2,681,878	185,275
Shellfish	145,596	21,810	322,037	43,407
Other	42,280	7,266	185,101	28,888

"Canned Food Facts"

As a result of requests received from emergency relief leaders for a concise statement of facts about canned foods that they might use in connection with their work, the Home Economics Division has prepared a single page summary which has been printed under the title "Canned Food Facts."

It is believed that the summary, a copy of which was sent to all members of the Association, will be equally useful for work with women's clubs and other organizations. Members of the Association desiring additional copies may obtain them upon request.

Maine Cannery to Maintain Code Wages

The Maine Cannery Association at a meeting on June 26th voted unanimously to maintain the minimum wage scale as prescribed in the canning industry code.

Fruit and Vegetable Market Competition

CARLOT SHIPMENTS AS REPORTED BY THE BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS,
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity	Week ending June 29		Week ending June 22		Total for season through June 29	
	1934	1935	1935	1934	1935	1935
Vegetables:						
Beans, snap and lima.....	146	81	390	12,092	9,217	
Tomatoes	1,163	1,200	1,226	17,960	15,647	
Green peas	103	220	144	4,478	4,456	
All other vegetables:						
Domestic—						
Competing directly	2,412	2,211	2,388	110,793	101,149	
Competing indirectly	8	3	5	9,560	12,373	
Imports, competing indirectly...			6			
Fruits:						
Citrus, domestic	1,837	2,044	2,517	83,885	95,208	
Imports	15	10	15	825	373	
Others, domestic	1,214	1,457	1,063	18,999	12,892	

Red Mites on Raspberries

Large numbers of red spiders or mites have been developing in some sections of New York State, according to an announcement just issued by the Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva. These insects attack red raspberries, mainly, but will feed on black and purple sorts as well. Weather conditions during recent weeks and a scarcity of their natural enemies have contributed to the up-building of the population.

The feeding of thousands of these insects on the foliage of the fruiting canes results in yellowing, browning and dying of the leaves. Spraying with one of the summer oil emulsions such as Volck, Verdol, or Ortho-K at least a week before picking time is recommended, the first application to be as early in July as possible, at the rate of 1 gallon in 100 gallons of water. They should not be used, however, on plants that have been treated with sulfur as serious foliage injury may result.

Cash Discounts

It is being proposed by a number of canners that the discount rate should be reduced in view of generally reduced rates of interest and the probability of indefinite continuation of the lower rates now in effect. The Discount for Cash Committee representing one of the wholesalers' organizations, on the other hand, has suggested an increase in such cash discount rates. It is likely that this question will be considered at the next meeting of the Joint Conference Committee representing canners and distributors.

Landings of Fishery Products at New England Ports

Landings of fishery products at Boston and Gloucester, Mass., and Portland, Maine, during May amounted to 37,488,000 pounds, valued at \$725,000, compared with 30,651,000 pounds, valued at \$636,000, during the same month of 1934, according to the Commerce Department's Bureau of Fisheries. This is an increase of 22 per cent in quantity and 14 per cent in value compared with the same month in 1934.

The important species to show increases were cod, haddock, hake, pollock, cusk, halibut, flounders, and rosefish, it was stated.

Alabama Foreign Corporation Tax

The Association is in receipt of the following letter from Mr. Charles G. Abercrombie of the Franchise Tax Department of the Alabama State Tax Commission at Montgomery:

"It is the policy of the State Tax Commission to insist upon the enforcement of the laws of this State relative to foreign corporations doing business in Alabama.

"A foreign corporation doing strictly an interstate business is not required to qualify, but to do an intrastate business without qualifying is in strict violation of the laws of this State. Any contracts made as a result of such intrastate business in the absence of a foreign corporation permit are null and void.

"Full information regarding entrance and qualification in Alabama will be furnished upon request."

Loading of Perishable Fruits and Vegetables for Railroad Shipment

Methods of loading perishable fruits and vegetables for railroad shipment have been placed under full jurisdiction of the Freight Container Bureau of the Association of American Railroads, effective July 1.

Before prescribing finally the use of any container or loading method, the Bureau will hold public hearings of all interested parties,

and will submit its proposals to an advisory committee of experienced freight handling officials. Its findings will be published in the usual tariff form, subject, of course, to the various State and national laws applying to the shipment of perishables and to the authority of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Labor Disputes Bill Signed By President

The Labor Disputes bill (S. 1958) was signed by the President on July 5. The conference report embodying practically all the amendments made by the House had been approved by both the House and Senate on June 27.

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